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### **Detroit Free Press: After day of controversial decisions, fate of 4 Michigan ballot initiatives likely rests with high court**

"Three proposed ballot measures -- to expand casinos, require public votes for building international bridges, and to call for two-thirds legislative majorities to raise taxes -- were denied spots on the Nov. 6 ballot Monday by a state elections panel, while a fourth -- to expand protections for collective bargaining -- was ordered on the ballot by a state Court of Appeals panel. The fate of all four likely rests with the Michigan Supreme Court, which will be asked to move quickly to settle contentious questions over how to properly amend the state constitution."

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### **Soo Evening News: Supreme Court decision helps pro-casino campaign in Michigan**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Editorial: A ballot issue mess worthy of a ballot issue**

"The clunky, bureaucratic process by which the major political parties decide which citizen initiatives Michigan citizens will actually get to vote on clanked on Monday, and by day's end the only thing clear was that the entire initiative process is in desperate need of an overhaul. Last week's unanimous state Supreme Court ruling against opponents of a proposal for eight new casinos seemed to have guaranteed that the proposal would go before Michigan voters Nov. 6."

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### **Detroit Free Press: One-person grand jury named in Michigan fake candidate scandal**

"Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina has been named to conduct a one-person grand jury investigation into the fake candidate controversy in Grand Rapids, a court official said today. Rhonda Swayze, deputy administrator of the general trial division of Ingham County Circuit Court, said an order appointing the grand jury was signed Monday by Chief Circuit Judge Janelle Lawless."

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**Detroit News: One-woman grand jury will look into Bolger-Schmidt GOP election scheme**

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**Lansing State Journal: Ingham County judge appointed as one-person grand jury in Schmidt-Bolger scandal**

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**M-Live: Judges approve Roy Schmidt-Jase Bolger grand jury investigation**

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**State Bar of Michigan Blog: Breaking: One-Person Grand Jury Authorized in Kent County Party-Switching Case**

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**Detroit News: Judge's anti-Semitic words haunt campaign**

"An anti-Jewish expression, used almost two years ago by Michigan Appeals Court Judge Jane Markey, has become an issue in her campaign for the Republican nomination for a state Supreme Court seat.....Markey's explanation is plausible. Her appeals court colleague, Judge Elizabeth Gleicher, who is Jewish and a Democrat, was in the room that day and recalls the comment. "People can make mistakes and say things they didn't mean to say that don't necessarily reflect what they are," Gleicher said. "I like Jane very much and respect her. This is not her. She is not anti-Semitic, even remotely."

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**Detroit Legal News: Campaign Appearance**

"A campaign fundraiser for Michigan Supreme Court Justices Brian Zahra (top, left) and Stephen Markman (right) was held Aug. 14 at the Fountain Bistro at Campus Martius in downtown Detroit. With three seats on the court in contention this year, the amount of money spent on the campaigns is likely to break all records. "The debate is whether we will have the rule of law or the rule of judges," said Markman, adding he believed the 2012 campaign will be the most expensive state judiciary campaign in the history of the United States."

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**Detroit Legal News: DHS update provided by Corrigan**

"The Juvenile Law Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association continued its Fundamentals of Juvenile Law-Year VI brown bag lunch lecture series on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills. Providing "DHS Updates" was Michigan Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan (pictured). Gov. Rick Snyder named Corrigan director of the DHS on Jan. 6, 2011. Corrigan previously served as a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals and justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. She served on the Michigan Supreme Court beginning in 1999, including four years from 2001 to 2005 as chief justice."

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**M-Live: Tim Skubick: Protect Our Jobs ballot proposal could lead to nasty business vs. labor battle**

"Now what? How about a holy war between business and labor. Now that Court of Appeals has **ruled in favor** of the so-called Protect Our Jobs ballot proposal and the Board of State Canvassers has **certified it**, organized labor is licking its collective chops that it may actually get a chance to sell this to the electorate."

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**Michigan Lawyer Blog: Michigan panhandler law struck down**

"The Associated Press has reported that U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker has ruled a state law banning panhandling in public places violates First Amendment protections for free speech and the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause."

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